

May 5 2019

We extend a sincere welcome to everyone. If you are visiting with us, please let us get to know you after the service. Morning tea is served in the Hall.

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For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night,

But joy cometh in the morning.

Services Today

Montville 8.15am Rev Bruce Johnson
Maleny 9.45am Rev Bruce Johnson **HC**Palmwoods 10.00am Pastor Kay Nixon
1.00pm Tongan Service

Readings (Easter 3)

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Acts 9:1-6,(7-20), Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-9

Services Next Week May 12

Montville 8.15am Rev Bob Philpott **HC**Maleny 9.45am Mr Peter Uhlmann
Palmwoods 10.00am Rev Bob Philpott **HC**

Readings (Easter 4)

Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

>>>>>>> The Week Ahead

Reflection Gallery Montville Open Daily 10am-3pm Tuesday May 7

7.00am Prayers at Moyra's 5494 2661

Wednesday May 8

8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

Friday May 10

1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486

 Praise

Revelation 5: 11-14

Praise, properly, cannot be forced. No one can praise simply because they are told to. Genuine praise comes from the heart. It is accompanied by feelings of joy, but it is focused on another, not on oneself. So, praising God is much more than singing songs, hymns or psalms. Music and singing have, from ancient times, been means whereby people have expressed their praise toward God, and they give us means whereby we can express our praise to God today, but praise is more than the music and the words of songs. It is an attitude that wells up from deep within our being, an attitude that honours and glorifies God. It recognizes the superiority of God's power and authority, of God's infinite love and distinctive holiness. This we can do in words, but also in actions, in the way we live. As the visionary in Revelation 5:13 says, every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them can praise God and his Christ. They do this in living true to God's intended role for them. Only humans have the power to defy God's intention and live lives addicted to self-praise. True praise arises out of a delight in the one who is being praised and implies a forgetting of self. It is inextricably bound up with the love toward God that is Christ's principal commandment to us. In his vision, John the Seer presents the rejected, discarded and crucified Jesus under the guise of a sacrificial lamb but affirms that he is worthy of all the praise appropriately given to God the Creator. Jesus is worthy to be praised as divine. We praise people for their achievements and successes, for their character and benefactions, but beyond all human praiseworthiness there remains One who is worthy above all others, the One who ultimately is to be praised and worshipped by all creation, even that difficult and rebellious part of it called humanity. In Christ, we are privileged to participate in the universal chorus of praise even now before the end of the story is written.

- When do you praise another person? What prompts you to do it?
- Distinguish, if you can, between genuine praise and false praise.
- How can we express praise to God?
- Why praise God?

Rev Ron Potter

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MALENY CHURCH VOLUNTEER ROSTER (Jun-Aug)

Due to monthly Chemotherapy and it's side effects, Maggie will not be doing the next Church Roster for Maleny. Rather, the Availability/Unavailability List will be place in a folder at the back of the Church. Please write your name and tick your appropriate duty availability & write any dates that you will be unavailable. If anyone can step up to help with Door Welcome, PA&Data, Flowers and Morning Tea, it would be appreciated, as people are usually away mid year.

Note from Maggie: May Our Lord truly bless you as you share your gifts. I have such a God given peace and I am very grateful that you keep me in your thoughts and prayers. The treatment is working!

GARAGE SALE SATURDAY 3 AUGUST

The date for the Maleny Garage sale is confirmed with the Conondale School for Saturday 3 August. Funds raised will be supporting the Conondale School Chaplaincy service, headed by Rebecca Francis. We now ask people to offer: a) goods for sale and b) their time to help: on the week prior, on the setting up days, on the day of the sale, including clean-up session, and on the Monday after if needed. We may need trailers to collect goods. If you can help in any way, please put your name and contact details on the GARAGE SALE SHEET at the rear of the church. More details contact Murray Robertson. 0409268665. Chaplains make a real difference in our schools!

EQUIP MORE WORSHIP LEADERS & PREACHERS

In discussion with the Church Council and the team of preachers, we are looking to equip some more worship leaders and preachers. If you are interested, Bruce will be conducting a series of teaching sessions about: the meaning and form of worship; Bible reading; prayer; shaping a worship service and preaching. If you are interested in being a part of this 6 week program, please look for the Expression of Interest form and mark the subjects you are interested in & the times that would suit you. Even if you are not sure you want to take on one of these roles you are more than welcome to participate. If you are already involved in leadership of worship but would like to join in, you too are welcome. Bruce will assess the responses & decide when and where these sessions will be offered.

IMBIL UNITING CHURCH CENTENARY

On May 17 @ 5:30pm Imbil Uniting Church will be celebrating its centenary with a dinner at the Kandanga Public Hall. Hot drinks served from 5:30pm with dinner at 6:30pm. Cost of \$20 per person paid at the door. Guest speaker will be Rev John Mavor AM. RSVP by 10th May 2019 to Margaret Stehbens (07- 5484 5731 or mirs@bigpond.com). Imbil Centenary Service May 19 @ 9:00am-12:00pm at Imbil Uniting Church, 3 Elizabeth Street Imbil, On Sunday May 19th we'll be celebrating 100 years of Worship at our Imbil Church with a 9am service followed by a light lunch.

UNITING CHURCH NAME BADGES – LAST ORDERS

Please add your name to the sheet on the table if you would like to order one, please contact Barbara Richards, 5494 2238, bwbnr@bigpond.com.

LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP

... are raising funds for the Cancer Council with a morning tea at The Orangery on Thurs 16 May, 9.30am. Your \$18 contribution includes a donation to the Cancer Council & morning tea. RSVP to Marnie (5499 9394) or Patricia (pstickley@bigpond.com).

MALENY LENT APPEAL

We are pleased to advise that \$1424.70 was raised and this will be handed to the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre for this project. Thanks for your support in meeting needs like this. Easter: Hope starts here.

WE ARE EXTENDING OUR MONTH OF PRAYER FOR OUR NEW MINISTER TO INCLUDE MAY

The Joint Nominating Committee, given the task of finding our new Minister, is asking our three congregations to include in their prayer time, during our morning services in May, a specific prayer for our new Minister. The Committee is also asking our church family members from our three congregations to be specific, within their personal prayer time, to pray for our new Minister. The J.N.C. realizes that many of our members will already be praying in this way but is encouraging everybody to join in this month of prayer. Thank You each one – Your J.N.C.

BLACKALL RANGE UNITING WEBSITE

A new website (ourcommonlife.org.au) has been created for the Blackall Range Uniting Churches. The old websites are no longer operative (palmwoods.com / malenyuniting.com.au). The new website contains information relevant to the combined churches (e.g. Our Common Life) with links to three sub-websites (montville.ourcommonlife.org.au etc.) that individually contain information relevant to each of the three churches (eg sermons at Maleny are now available at maleny.ourcommonlife.org.au).

Have a look at the website(s) and if you have any suggestions, corrections or comments, please direct them to **Stuart Craig** (stuart craig100@hotmail.com)

EASTER EXPERIENCES

As Easter has just touched us all in our own way, could I please ask that anyone who would like to share something they experienced during Lent/Easter, please pass it on to me sometime in the next few weeks for publication in the next New Vine. I look forward to receiving your contributions from all three worship centres. Graham Dempster (grandar@bigpond.net.au)

OFFERINGS can be Direct Debited through the ANZ Bank, BSB 014-507 A/c 3762 29735.

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Notice Sheet: Contributions requested before 10 am

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